



# House Select Committee on Homeland Security **Democrats**

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## **Turner to Abraham: Is Plutonium Shipment Secure?**

Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Democrat on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, sent the following letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham regarding the shipment of weapons-grade plutonium to France within the next several weeks.

The current plan for securing the shipment of the plutonium was developed during the Clinton Administration. “However, in the post-September 11<sup>th</sup> environment, it is also crucial to ensure that the transportation of special nuclear materials is adequately secured from theft or diversion by terrorists,” stated the letter.

The letter is a result of Turner’s request of the GAO to review the security measures in place for the shipment.

**TURNER LETTER TO ABRAHAM ATTACHED**

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